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Appl. No.: 09/822,942  
Amdt. Dated: November 17, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of: July 18, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/822,942  
Applicants : Yoshiaki Takahashi et al.  
Filed : March 30, 2001  
Title : FRICTION-REDUCING SHIP AND METHOD  
FOR REDUCING FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE

TC/A.U. : 3617  
Examiner : Sherman D. Basinger

Docket No. : 33463

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2003 (Paper No. 11). The three month period for responding to the Office Action expired on October 18, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, to November 18, 2003. The \$110 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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